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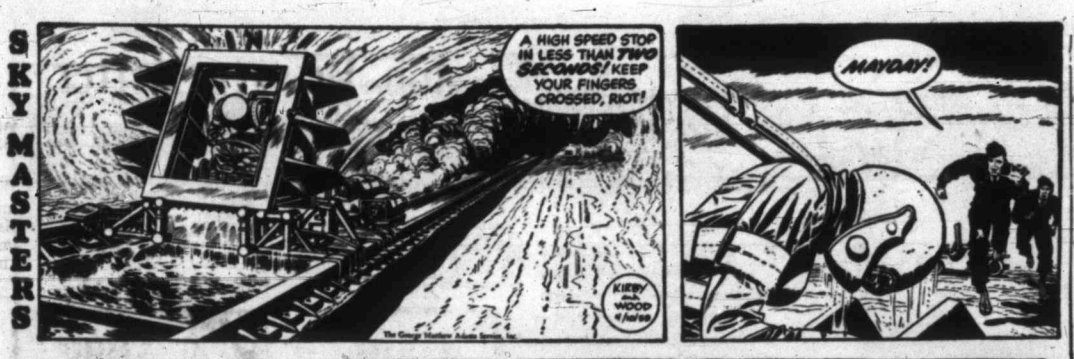

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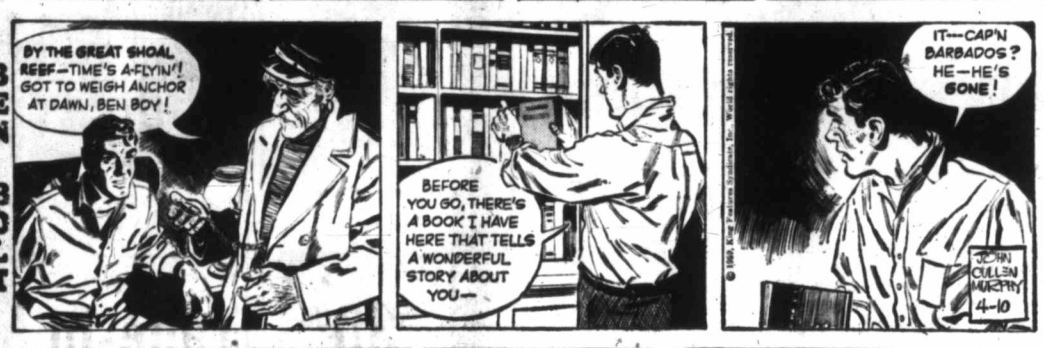

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Garden Notes

Don't Dig Like Crazy

By M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS

The novice gardener, when he sets out to dig over the back garden, seems to think that digging is just digging, and he goes about it in any old way. He sticks the blade into the soil—usually on the slant—lifts a shovelful of soil, and dumps it right back into the hole it came out of.

This is all wrong on several counts. In the first place, it should be an inflexible rule that whenever any digging is done, something should always be dug **INTO** the soil—preferably manure or compost, but rather than lose this golden opportunity of improving the soil texture, you can use peat moss, lawn mowings, chopped straw, sawdust, or what have you.

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Anything of an organic nature will improve the texture. Lime and fertilizer can be mixed in during the same operation.

Another point—in any large-scale digging job, the gardener should always work with an open trench in front of him. Only in this way can the job be done properly, with each spadeful of soil inverted so as to bury the weeds and grass.

The trick then is to start by taking out a trench as deep and as wide as your spade across one end of the plot to be dug. What do you do with the soil thus removed? Well, the book says to pile it in a wheelbarrow and wheel it down to the other end of the plot, to be used for filling in the last trench.

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This makes for an awful lot of wheelbarrow work, and altogether too much labor for a lazy gardener like me. My easy-going technique is to divide the plot to be dug into two halves, lengthwise.

I cut my trench across the top of the first half, throwing the dirt over on to the other half. Then I dig steadily, down the first half and up the other half, winding up only a few feet from where I started, where my pile of dirt is waiting to be used to fill in the last bit of trench.

The trick in digging is to remember to take it easy. Remember, you have a lot of muscles which have been on a prolonged winter holiday, and if you tear into the job like Superman, you'll not only be pooped before the job is half finished, but you'll be a sorry sight as you hobble into the office, stiff and sore, on Monday morning.

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Work with a quiet, unhurried rhythm, stooping for a breather every 10 minutes or so. Keep the blade of the spade vertical, thrusting it straight down to its full depth on each stroke. Take only a narrow bite of soil—it is a lot easier on your back when you lift it, and it isn't so hard to keep your line of work neat and straight.

Throw each shovelful well forward, using a slight twist of the wrist to invert the slice of soil, burying the weeds and grass, and always keep an open trench in front of you.

For the newcomer to gardening, until he masters the technique of tipping the slice of soil upside down with that tricky flick of the wrist, the safest plan is to skim off a thin layer of weeds and grass, dumping them into the bottom of the trench.

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There is a mental trick, too, to successful digging. Try to get yourself into the mental attitude where you have absolutely no concern over how long it takes to get the job done. Time is no object, and it might take an hour, a day, or even a week—you couldn't care less.

You'll find that with this relaxed and I-don't-care attitude, the job will actually go much more quickly than if you were rushing at it and trying to make a deadline.

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Hollywood Today

By Sheilah Graham

Star Clique 'Ruining Us'

HOLLYWOOD (NANA)—Director **Mike Curtiz** had coffee with me and sounded off on Hollywood's major problem: "The big curse of motion pictures today is that we are not allowed to build new stars, the distributors insist on big names for the marquee.

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So, the few big established stars are running—and ruining—the business. I had a big picture, needed a big-woman name. Called **Ava Gardner** four times. She couldn't be bothered to discuss it with me.

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In the old days we created new stars by taking chances. I took a chance with **Errol Flynn**, then unknown for "Captain Blood"—and we had a big, new star. I first saw **John Garfield** in a little theatre in New York. Later I had a star in John in "Four Daughters." After seeing Gregory Peck on Broadway, I phoned **Jack Warner** and Jack signed him. None of this is possible today."

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Deborah Kerr, with a built-in salary of $250,000, will star for **Henry Ephron** at 20th-Fox in "O Mistress Mine." It was done by the **Lunts** on stage. Problem will be to get Debbie back to Hollywood. She prefers to live in Europe where writer **Peter Viertel** hangs his hat.

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Dean Martin, who owns a few grains of the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, will stage an annual golf tournament there on the lines of **Bink Crosby's** in Pebble Beach. Owner **Jack Entratter** will lay out a golf course behind the hotel. So, who's going to be gambling when they can be golfing?

Good news for **Zsa Zsa:** the butler she lost to **George Sanders**, after their divorce, has left the employ of George and new wife **Benita**, and is currently at leisure. It was a toss-up to whom Zsa missed more—George or the butler.

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When **Robert Taylor** took off from London for darkest Africa, to film "Adamson of Africa," a huge case of choice preserves and marmalades accompanied him. Robert has a sweet tooth.

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Patrice Wymore (Mrs. Errol Flynn) plays a woman who leaves her husband for a horse in her 20th-Fox film, "The Sad Horse." This is really the switch of the year.

Winning Contract

By SCHENCKEN AND FREY

Vul: Both	NORTH ♠ K 9 2 ♡ J 5 4 ◇ K Q J 6 8 ♣ K 7	
WEST ♠ 5 4 3 ♡ K 10 8 7 ◇ A ♣ 10 9 6 3 2		EAST ♠ 8 7 ♡ A Q 6 3 ◇ 10 9 4 2 ♣ Q 8 5
	SOUTH (D) ♠ A Q J 10 6 ♡ 9 2 ◇ 8 7 3 ♣ A J 4	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ◇	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ◇ A

With a full opening bid in his own hand, North jumped to game after South rebid his spade suit. The defenders were Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Solomon of Philadelphia, top-ranking married pair in the United States, and among the top-ranking Life Masters on their individual rating. This deal illustrates how a well-practiced partnership can make the most of the defense.

When Peggy Solomon opened the ace of diamonds in the face of North's diamond bid, it was obvious to Charlie that the lead was a singleton. This was one of the rare situations when a suit-preference signal for a shift can be given in following to the suit partner has led. Obviously, West couldn't continue diamonds, so the card East plays can be read as a signal of how he can be given the lead. Solomon dropped the ten of diamonds—the highest card outstanding—to tell Peggy that his in-card was in hearts, the higher side suit.

With no signal to guide her, the normal shift would have been to a club. But, following Charlie's call for a lead of the higher suit, Peggy shifted to a heart. East won with the ace and returned the diamond nine—once again a suit-preference signal saying that he remained with something in the heart suit. So, after Peggy had ruffed the diamond, she underled the king of hearts, putting Charlie in again for another diamond lead. This second ruff, which put the contract down two tricks, gave the Solomons a top score. Had Peggy "played safe" by cashing the heart king, South could ruff the third round of hearts and draw trumps, going down only one trick.

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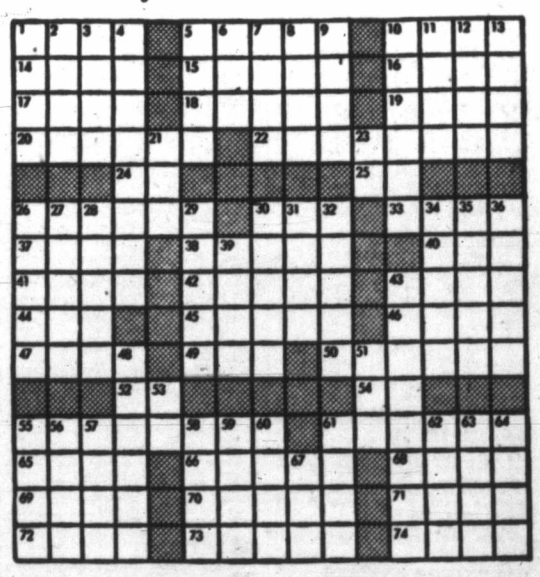
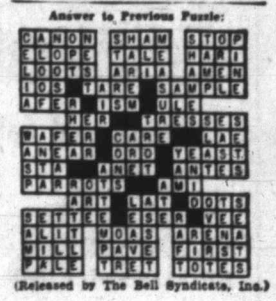


ACROSS
1. Cage for fowls.
5. Analyze grammatically.
10. Man's nickname.
14. River of Asia.
15. Foreigner.
16. Dolphinlike cetacean.
17. Bakers.
18. Animal.
19. Dregs.
20. Writing implement.
22. Most unaffected.
24. Chinese measure.
25. Pacific island screw pine.
26. Urchins.
30. Place.
33. Former Russian ruler.
37. So be it.
38. Practical.
40. Form of "to be."
41. Floating ice mass.
42. Wild prickly shrub.
43. Succulent plant.
44. Sign of the zodiac.
46. Of a certain continent.
48. Russian news agency.
47. Irish Gaelic.
49. Ethiopian title.
50. Small sofa.
52. Symbol for nickel.
54. Syllable of scale.
55. Strews.
61. Emits.
65. Peel.
66. Unstratified deposit of loam.
68. British street car.
69. Sandarac tree.
70. Virtuous.
71. Existence.
72. Number (pl.).
73. Look at fixedly.
74. Fruit.

DOWN
1. Imitative sound of hoof on pavement.
2. Bacteriologist's wire.
3. Of a Tierra del Fuego Indian.
4. Driving by heat.
5. Become wearisome.
6. Entire.
7. Narrow inlets.
8. Prefix: half.
9. Hindu charitable gift.
10. Lodging for a soldier.
11. Arrow poison.
12. Prevaricates.
13. Endure.
21. Electrified particle.
23. 3.1416.
26. Clark
27. Mohammedan noble.
28. Segment of crustacean's limb.
29. Sweet substance.
30. Babylonian deity.
31. Bride of Lohengrin.
32. Adolescent years.
34. Ritual prayer of Mohammedans.
35. Got up.
36. Dodgers' coach.
39. School of Japanese painters.
43. Certified as true.
48. Goes in.
51. Bitter vetch.
53. Pronoun.
55. Quarrel.
56. Worry.
57. Isles off Ireland.
58. Tree (pl.).
59. Part of plant.
60. Serous fluid (pl.).
61. Small body of land.
62. Either one of the Bears (Astron.).
63. Orient.
64. Widgeon.
67. Babylonian numeral.

Answer to Previous Puzzle:



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